

Will the broadcast flag interfere with consumers ability to make copies of DTV content for their personal use, either on personal video recorders or removable media?

This depends on the meaning of "personal use". If the "Broadcast Flag" prevents me from watching a program at a different time, on a different device, or at a different location (such as a friend's house), then it WILL INTERFERE with personal use.

Would the digital flag interfere with consumers ability to send DTV content across networks, such as home digital networks connecting digital set top boxes, digital recorders, digital servers and digital display devices?

If this is limited to "Home Digital Networks" it WILL INTERFERE with the public ability to send content to friends. If a friend misses recording a program, why should I not be able to send a copy of my recording?

Would the broadcast flag requirement limit consumers ability to use their existing electronic equipment (equipment not built to look for the flag) or make it difficult to use older components with new equipment that is compliant with the broadcast flag standard?

This concern should require the FCC to test and certify that the "Broadcast Flag" technology is backward compatible and that equipment from all manufacturers is interoperable.

Would a broadcast flag requirement limit the development of future equipment providing consumers with new options?

All such requirements hinder the adoption of new and innovative technology. I believe this alone requires the FCC to reject the idea of "Broadcast Flag"

What will be the cost impact, if any, that a broadcast flag requirement would have on consumer electronics equipment?

Any new technological requirement will add additional costs to equipment including in this case, TVs, Digital recorders, VCRs, DVD players, PCs, and all other home entertainment equipment.

Also as a consumer I will avoid any product or service that requires me to be subject to the "Broadcast Flag", and I believe that many others will as well. So there is also the cost of reducing the size of the market for such equipment.